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## 6.0 Discussion and Conclusions.

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The results of the evaluation suggest that the development site is located outside of the centre of medieval Falsgrave. This is unsurprising as the medieval centre was probably located to the southeast. The early phases of occupation on the development site are represented by homogenous plough-soils that persist through the medieval and post-medieval periods. The exception to this is the earliest feature in the trench, pit [1022], which is unfortunately undated. The pit may be evidence for Romano-British occupation, as it was sealed by a deposit containing a single possible Romano-British sherd. The sherd was small and abraded, indicative of a residual find possibly ploughed out of the pit. A Romano-British dating for the pit and plough-soil may however be misleading. The sherd does not match either the fabric types from York or those from nearby West Heslerton, which raises the possibility that it may be an imported post Roman ware.

The first buildings on the site appear to date to the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The 1852 plan appears to support this, with only minimal development in the vicinity of the site shown (Pearson, 200?). The different surfaces seen in the trench probably represent an external yard surface, and an internal, possibly industrial or workshop surface.

The archaeological deposits seen within the trench were in general of low archaeological significance, consisting of agricultural soils and 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century buildings. The exception was pit [1022] at a depth of 0.90m BGL, which was possible evidence of Romano-British occupation. Only 5 square metres of this horizon was seen out of the 12 square metre trench area, itself only a small portion of the site. The majority of the remainder had been truncated by services, a situation likely to be common in the courtyard. Truncation in the other areas of the site now occupied by standing buildings is difficult to assess, but is unlikely to be more than that seen in the trench area unless the buildings are cellared.

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## 8.0 Appendix 1 ~ List of Contexts.

### 8.1 Trench 1.

Context	Description (and interpretation)	Extent	Thickness
1000	Black and mottled mid grey tarmac and concrete courtyard surface	Trench	0.09-0.13m
1001	Mixed light red brown and mid grey foundation trench fill	>1.33m x >0.27m	0.50m
1002	Light pink orange brick and mortar, English bond foundation	>1.33m x >0.22m	>0.50m
1003	Vertical straight sided cut for foundation	>1.33m x >0.22m	>0.50m
1004	Mixed mid to light grey brown clay silt fill of service trench	>2.0m x 0.62m	>0.30m
1005	Steep straight sided linear cut for service trench	>2.0m x 0.62m	>0.30m
1006	Mottled mid grey clay sand silt fill of service trench	>2.8m x 0.55m	>0.55m
1007	Steep straight sided, linear cut for service trench	>2.8m x 0.55m	>0.55m
1008	Mixed light tan brown and pink brown sand silt and mortar make up for modern surface	Trench	0.11-0.24m
1009	Red brick and dark grey mortar floor surface	>1.90m x >1.40	0.08m
1010	Very light grey sandy mortar floor	Trench	0.02m
1011	Mottled pink brown and light yellow brown silt clay and clay fill of service trench	>5.5m x >1.10m	>0.57m
1012	Vertical straight sided, linear cut for probable service trench	>5.5m x >1.10	>0.57m
1013	Black cinder occupation layer	Trench	0.02m
1014	Mixed mid grey clay sand silt fill of possible post-hole	>0.37m x >0.25m	0.28m
1015	Moderate concave sides and concave base cut for possible post-hole	>0.37m x >0.25m	0.28m
1016	Mid red brown silt clay re-deposited natural trample layer	?	0.05m
1017	Black cinders occupation layer	Trench	0.04m
1018	Light orange and yellow brown sandy mortar floor	Trench	0.05m
1019	Mid to dark grey sand clay silt possible plough-soil	Trench	0.14m
1020	Light to mid grey brown sand clay silt plough-soil	Trench	0.17-0.35m
1021	Mottled mid grey and light yellow brown clay silt and clay fill of post-hole	0.72m x 0.48m	0.28m
1022	Steep straight sided flat bottomed oval cut to post-hole	0.72m x 0.48m	0.39m
1023	Light brown orange natural geological deposit	Trench	?
1024	Mixed light cream brown crushed mortar make-up and possible floor	Trench	0.16m
1025	Mid grey brown and brick red clay silt and bricks fill of post-hole	>0.33m x >0.38m	0.13m
1026	Light yellow grey silt sand fill of pit	>0.70m x >0.50m	0.06m
1027	Moderate straight sided concave base cut of pit	>0.70m x >0.50m	0.06m
1028	Dark grey silt sand and gravel levelling layer for floor	>1.0m x >1.0m	0.10m
1029	Light red brown silt clay plough-soil	Trench	0.05-0.19m

## 9.0 Appendix 2 ~ Archive Index.

### 9.1 Drawing Register.

Dwg No	Description	Scale	Date	Initials
1	Pre-excavation plan Trench 1	1:20	26-11-04	TR
2	Section-Pit [1022]	1:10	20-11-04	DS
3	Post-excavation plan Trench 1	1:20	29-11-04	TR
4	Northeast facing trench section	1:10	30-11-04	DS
5	Central section	1:10	30-11-04	DS
6	Northwest facing Trench section	1:10	30-11-04	TR
7	Southwest facing Trench section	1:10	30-11-04	DS

### 9.2 Photographic Register.

Frame	Description	Scale	Date	Initials
<i>Film: Black &amp; White, Colour, and Digital</i>				
1	Identification shot	N/A	26-11-04	DS
2	Trench 1 Pre-excavation shot facing NE	1m	26-11-04	DS
3	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
4	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
5	Detail of brick floor (1009) facing NE	1m	26-11-04	DS
6	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
7	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
8	Post-hole [1022] shot facing south	0.5m	26-11-04	DS
9	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
10	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
11	SW end of trench post excavation facing SW	1m	29-11-04	DS
12	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
13	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
14	SW end of trench post excavation facing SE	1m	29-11-04	DS
15	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
16	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
17	Section facing NE and pit [1027] shot facing SW	1m	29-11-04	DS
18	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
19	" " " " " " "	"	"	"
20	Section facing SW and service [1012]	1m	30-11-04	DS
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## 10.0 Appendix 3 ~ Small Finds Assessment Report.

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### 10.1 Introduction.

Twenty seven finds from an archaeological evaluation at Seamer Road, Falsgrave, North Yorkshire (Site Code OSA04 EV11), were submitted for identification and assessment.

They include one putative sherd of Romano-British pottery and a fragment of fired clay from the same deposit (1029) but since this deposit also produced a definite fragment of post-medieval pantile it is possible that all of these finds are actually post-medieval in date.

The remaining finds are of early modern date, probably dating to the later 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### 10.2 Description.

#### 10.2.1 Ceramic Building Material.

Three fragments of pantile and one brick were recovered. The brick has a coarse fabric, probably made from a calcareous boulder clay, and was produced in a sanded mould.

The pantiles have a much finer fabric, containing no visible inclusions apart from moderate laths of muscovite and in one case calcareous mudstone pellets. The tiles were formed in a sanded mould and the sand, which is well-sorted and between c.0.1 and 0.2mm across, includes rounded grains with an iron cement adhering to them.

#### 10.2.2 Fired clay.

A single fragment of fired clay was recovered. It is not large enough to tell whether it was from a wattle and daub structure and has no original faces.

#### 10.2.3 Glass.

Three fragments of light green moulded bottles of late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century date were recovered.

#### 10.2.4 Pottery.

##### *Roman?*

A small abraded fragment of pottery might be of Roman date. It contains silt or fine-sand-sized inclusions and does not match either the Roman fabric series of York ({Monaghan 1993 #21403}) nor the late Roman fabrics found at West Heslerton (Darling and Precious forthcoming).

*Early Modern.*

Fifteen sherds of early modern pottery were recovered (Table 1). They include a single sherd of presumed local manufacture, an unstratified piece of chimney pot. The other lead-glazed red earthenware present is probably a northeastern product (SUND), in this case a wheelthrown pancheon with an internal white slip. Factory-made vessels made in refined clays form the majority of the collection (BLUE, CREA, TPW and WHITE). There are also a stoneware blackleading bottle, probably from the Codnor Park factory in Derbyshire and a salt-glazed stoneware drain. A single imported sherd was found, a fragment from a Chinese export porcelain bowl with underglaze blue and overglaze enamel decoration. Such bowls were exported to England in the early and mid 18<sup>th</sup> century but were highly prized and often survive as antiques and heirlooms to the present day. This piece does not therefore indicate early to mid 18<sup>th</sup>-century activity on the site.

Table 1.

Cname	Description	NoSH	NoV	Weight
BLUE	Refined light blue ware	1	1	10
CHPO	Chinese export porcelain	1	1	8
CREA	Creamware	1	1	4
DERBS	Derbyshire stoneware	3	1	514
ENGS	English stoneware	1	1	119
ENPO	English porcelain	1	1	3
LPMLOC	Late Post-medieval coarsewares	1	1	69
SUND	Sunderland-type coarseware	1	1	22
TPW	Transfer-printed ware	2	1	30
WHITE	Miscellaneous whitewares	3	3	42
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>821</b>

10.2.5 *Stone.*

Fragments of Middle Jurassic mudstone were submitted from context 1029. They are probably natural inclusions in local boulder clay rather than evidence for the use of North Yorkshire coal (which outcrops in the same strata).

10.2.6 *Wood.*

A single fragment of wood was submitted, from context 1029. It appears to be a splinter from a tool and has a flat end that has received numerous blows and is impregnated with a dark unidentified granular material (similar to coal dust).

10.3 *Assessment.*10.3.1 *Stratigraphy.*

Context 1016 produced a group of finds with a terminus post quem of c.1765. The actual deposition date could be much later.

Context 1020 produced a single fragment of brick and cannot be closely dated

Context 1022 can be dated to the later 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century by glass bottle fragments.

Context 1028 can be dated to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century or later.

Context 1029 might either be a Romano-British or later deposit, based on the potsherd and fired clay finds, or be of late 17<sup>th</sup>-century or later date, based on the pantile fragment.

### 10.3.2 Retention.

All the finds from stratified contexts should be retained for possible future study. The unstratified finds of early modern date could be discarded.

### 10.2.3 Further work.

No further work is suggested on this collection.

### Appendix A.

Context	Class	Cname	Subfabric	Form	Part	Description	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Use	Condition
1016	CBM	PMTIL	PROBABLY WEATHERED MICACEOUS MUDSTONE WITH ROUNDED CALC MARL PELLETS <4.0MM	PAN T	BS		1	1	7		
1016	WOOD	WOOD			BS		1	1	1		
1016	EMOD	CREA		PLATE	BS		1	1	4		BURNT
1016	EMOD	ENPO		BOWL	BS	FAINT TRACES OF OG DEC (GILDING/LUSTRE)	1	1	3		
1016	EMOD	CHPO		BOWL	BS	BLUE UG DEC INT AND EXT;OG ENAMELS INT	1	1	8		
1020	CBM	PMTIL	CALCAREOUS BOULDER CLAY?	BRICK	BS	SANDED MOULD	1	1	54		
1022	PMGL	PMGL	LTGR	BOTTLE	BS	MOULDED BOTTLE	1	1	30		
1028	EMOD	SUND		PAN	BS	WHITE SLIPPED INT;PLAIN INT GL	1	1	22		
1028	EMOD	ENGS		DRAIN	BS	SALT GLAZED INT AND EXT	1	1	119		
1028	EMOD	WHITE		JUG	BS	INDUSTRIAL SLIP; LIGHT BLUE BANDS	1	1	34		
1028	EMOD	WHITE		JUG	R	INDUSTRIAL SLIP; LIGHT GREY SLIPPED EXT	1	1	3		
1028	EMOD	WHITE		BOWL	R	INDUSTRIAL SLIP; NAVY BLUE BANDS EXT	1	1	5		
1028	EMOD	TPW		PLATE	R		2	1	30		
1028	EMOD	BLUE		JUG	R	MOULDED JUG OR GRAVY BOAT	1	1	10		
1028	EMOD	DERBS		BLACK LEAF DING BOTTLE	BS		3	1	514		
1028	PMGL	PMGL	LTGR	BOTTLE	BS	MOULDED BOTTLE	2	1	21		
1029	STONE	STONE	JURASSIC MUDSTONE	GEO	BS		2	2	15		
1029	RPOT?	RPOT?	FINE SANDY	JAR	BS		1	1	1		
1029	FCLAY	FCLAY	BOULDER CLAY?	DAUB?	BS		1	1	4		
1029	CBM	PMTIL	PROBABLY	PAN	BS		1	1	19		

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US	CBM	PMTIL	PROBABLY WEATHERED MICACEOUS MUDSTONE	PAN T	BS	1	1	5	